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Dear Ms Wright,

### Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for your correspondence dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 inviting Historic England to comment on the Regulation 16 Submission version of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan.

Unfortunately, owing to existing commitments and deadlines, we are not able to provide detailed comments at this time. We would refer you **to our previous advice submitted at Regulation 14 stage, dated 31 October 2017, and also** to our detailed guidance on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into your neighbourhood plan, which can be found here:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

I would be grateful if you would notify me if and when the Neighbourhood Plan is made by the district council. To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed NP, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.

Please do contact me, either via email or the number above, if you have any queries

Yours sincerely,

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comments submitted in  
response to Hargrave Parish  
Council consultation on pre-  
submission stage 2017 and  
referred to in Submission  
Consultation response 2018

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31 October

Dear Mr Rogers

**Ref: Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 September 2017 inviting Historic England to comment on the Submitted Draft of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Draft.

In October 2015 Historic England submitted comments on the Pre-submission Draft of this Plan direct to St Edmundsbury Council and Hargrave Parish Council.

I have now had the opportunity to review the latest version of the Plan and am pleased to see our earlier advice and information has been reflected in this latest version.

Overall, we welcome this comprehensive and informative plan, in particular Policy HAR 9 - Local Heritage Assets, and the accompanying design guidance and commentary, which is detailed and helpful.

We also welcome the content of Community Action 14 with respect to the objective of potentially identifying and potentially designating a Conservation Area for Hargrave. In



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the absence of a designated conservation area at present, the undertaking of an historic area assessment to form part of the evidence base for your neighbourhood plan, and to support its policies, may well be a useful exercise that could later form the basis for designation of a conservation area, if considered appropriate. We would refer you to some of our recently published guidance on conservation areas and historic area assessments, which may be of use:

HE Advice Note 1 - conservation area designation, appraisal and management: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/conservation-area-designation-appraisal-management-advice-note-1/> (25 February 2016) and

Understanding Place - Historic Area Assessments: <https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/understanding-place-historic-area-assessments/heag146-understanding-place-haa.pdf/>. (April 2017).

These suggestions aside, we do not wish to comment any further at this stage. I would be grateful if you would notify me if and when the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted by the district council.

Yours sincerely,

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12 February 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

**Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Consultation  
SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID**

National Grid has appointed Amec Foster Wheeler to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

**About National Grid**

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customers. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

**Specific Comments**

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines, and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate and High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

**Key resources / contacts**

National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/>

The electricity distribution operator in St Edmundsbury Borough Council is UK Power Networks. Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: [www.energynetworks.org.uk](http://www.energynetworks.org.uk)

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

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I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[via email]

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Date: 20 March 2018  
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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sir/Madam

**HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 6 February 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made..

**Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.**

However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully  
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Consultations Team

# Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities

## Natural environment information sources

The [Magic](#)<sup>1</sup> website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: **Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones)**. Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available [here](#)<sup>2</sup>.

**Priority habitats** are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found [here](#)<sup>3</sup>. Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

**National Character Areas (NCAs)** divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found [here](#)<sup>4</sup>.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a **National Park** or **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**, the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.

General mapped information on **soil types** and **Agricultural Land Classification** is available (under 'landscape') on the [Magic](#)<sup>5</sup> website and also from the [LandIS website](#)<sup>6</sup>, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

## Natural environment issues to consider

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#)<sup>7</sup> sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. [Planning Practice Guidance](#)<sup>8</sup> sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

### Landscape

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<sup>1</sup> <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>

<sup>3</sup> <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making>

<sup>5</sup> <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

<sup>8</sup> <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/>

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.

If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

### Wildlife habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed [here](#)<sup>9</sup>), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or [Ancient woodland](#)<sup>10</sup>. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

### Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed [here](#)<sup>11</sup>) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice [here](#)<sup>12</sup> to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

### Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see our publication [Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land](#)<sup>13</sup>.

## **Improving your natural environment**

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

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<sup>9</sup><http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>

<sup>11</sup><http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>

<sup>13</sup> <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012>



- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see [Planning Practice Guidance on this](#) <sup>14</sup>).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).
- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore).

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<sup>14</sup> <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/>

**From:**  
**To:** [neighbourhood.planning](#)  
**Subject:** Hargrave Neighbourhood PLan  
**Date:** 20 March 2018 10:50:17

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the local neighbourhood plan for Hargrave.

There are 2 points I would like to make.

### **School and public bus travel**

Currently the only public transport in and out of the village is on the once-daily public bus service. This service is mainly used for school transport by pupils from 4 local schools. However, as there is a consultation about the provision of school transport which if adopted will adversely affect the village (by only offering transport to the nearest schools which are not necessarily our catchment schools) which will force many parents to drive their children to school rather than use the public bus service. The main concern with this is that if the service is not used it will be withdrawn meaning that the village will lose its only public transport. Any plan for the village must be aware of the risks to the future of the village if there are no transport options. It has been hoped that transport options will increase rather than decrease.

### **Housing Development**

I fully support future development in the village as long as it is in keeping with the village and is for the purpose of extending the longevity of the village. This can be provided by the right sized homes needed to maintain the balance of the population i.e. smaller houses which would enable young people/families and those wishing to downsize to remain in the village. The plan seems to support this type of development. This kind of development needs to be on quite a small scale due to the infrastructure and lack of amenities in the village. Any design would need to be sympathetic to the surroundings and current housing stock.

Yours faithfully

Hargrave Resident

**From:**  
**To:** [neighbourhood.planning](#)  
**Subject:** Hargrave neighbourhood plan  
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With reference to the consultation regarding the above neighbourhood plan. My suggestion is that the Housing Settlement Boundaries should also include the following two areas:

Church Lane

Bird's End

However building in these areas should still be subject to planning permission being approved firstly by Hargrave Parish Council and then by Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury Borough Councils who must take fully into account the views of Hargrave Parish Council.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
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Hargrave Parish Council

Dear Hargrave Parish Council,

### **Submission version of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for consulting Suffolk County Council on the Submission version of the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan.

The County Council supports the plan and notes that most of the comments it made on the pre-submission version of the plan have been taken into account. Any additional comments are minor, to help improve clarity and effectiveness.

#### Archaeology

The County Council notes the following text was added to the plan as previously suggested, which is welcome:

“Suffolk County Council maintains the Historic Environment Record, which comprises a database of information on recorded archaeological sites in the County. Non-designated archaeological heritage assets would be managed through the National Planning Policy Framework, and Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service advises that there should be early consultation of the Historic Environment Record and assessment of the archaeological potential of the area at an appropriate stage in the design of new developments, in order that the requirements of the NPPF and Local Plan policies are met. Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service is happy to advise on the level of assessment and appropriate stages to be undertaken.”

It is suggested that section 10, rather than paragraph 4.7, would be a more appropriate place for this text as it supports policies that protect heritage assets.

#### Sustainable Drainage

Recognition of DM policy 6 and sections of the NPPF are welcome, however it might be more effective to refer to NPPF paragraph 100 as a whole in regard to flood risk.

#### Rights of Way

The County Council welcomes the inclusion of Community Action 11. The Suffolk County Council Rights of Way Office is willing to work with the Parish to develop their aspiration of filling in gaps in the rights of way network, but also making any improvements that will enhance the network for all users, where resources allow.

### Transport

The cooperative approach of Community Action 9, to work with the County Council, is welcome. Suffolk County Council Highways is willing to discuss with Hargrave Parish Council options that may be suitable for the parish, however a source of funding would need to be identified in order to bring any measures forward.

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I hope that these comments are helpful. The County Council is always willing to discuss issues or queries you may have and can be contacted at [neighbourhoodplanning@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@suffolk.gov.uk). Some of these issues may be addressed by the County Council's Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, which contains information relating to County Council service areas and links to other potentially helpful resources.

The guidance can be accessed here: [Suffolk County Council Neighbourhood Planning Guidance](#).

If there is anything I have raised you would like to discuss, please use my contact information at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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